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The Sounds of Spring: Coming Soon to a Park Near You

Visitors to the Fairfax County Park Authority's website can now listen in on the calls of our awakening frogs and toads, among the most welcome signs of spring! In this, the first of a series of audio web casts featuring the sounds of nature captured in local wetlands, stream valleys, meadows and woodlands, nine common amphibians are featured. Listeners within earshot can become familiar with the calls of these frogs and toads.

Fairfax County has numerous stream valley parks that feature and abundance of creeks, ponds, lakes and other wet areas. Amphibians love wet areas and these habitats are vital to the survival of these unique and beautiful creatures. They rely on wet places as a place to mate and lay eggs. In late February you can hear the calls of the wood frog seeking a mate and announcing the impending end of winter.

Visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/podcasts/ to hear a wide array of cold-blooded crooners. Your next walk in the park will offer an experience filled with greater understanding of the sounds of spring.

